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NOTE VERBALE DATED 25 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 18 and 21 October 1993, there appear to have been two flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been three flights on 15 and 16 October 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are attached hereto as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 937.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18-21 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
958	18 Oct.	1437	1439	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 6 kilometres north-east of Zenica. NATO fighters were sent to investigate and made radar contact with the aircraft which was lost 9 kilometres north-east of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North Slow Low
				[19 Oct.: no violations reported]	
959	20 Oct.	1220	1336	The flight of a MI-8 helicopter began as an approved medical evacuation from Pale to Belgrade but later violated the ban because it landed at Sokolac to pick up additional passengers. The flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
				[21 Oct.: no violations reported]	

Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(15-16 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
955	15 Oct.	0830	0831	UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter flying north to south over Strimica. This flight originated from within the No Fly Zone. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow Low
956	16 Oct.	0900	1316	The flight of a MI-8 helicopter began as a UNPROFOR-approved medical evacuation from Pale to Zvornik and return but later violated the ban because on its return trip from Zvornik, it took over three hours to return to Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
957	16 Oct.	1345	1611	The flight of a MI-8 helicopter began as a UNPROFOR-approved medical evacuation from Pale to Zvornik and return but later violated the ban because it did not land at Zvornik and returned to Pale two hours late. The unauthorized flight of his helicopter occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low